

**Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Association of Counties (NACo) for the hosting of the 2017 NACo Annual Conference and Exposition.
(Commissioners)**

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners expressed support to bring the National Association of Counties' (NACo) annual conference to Franklin County in 2017 or 2018, as evidenced by passage of Resolution 0553-12; and

WHEREAS, following passage of Resolution 0553-12, the County submitted a proposal to host the 2017 NACo Annual Conference and Exposition to be held from July 21-24, 2017, and such proposal was accepted by the National Association of Counties by resolution of its Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of a Memorandum of Understanding between the County and NACo is to encourage and facilitate cooperation between NACo and the County to ensure a well-planned, adequately budgeted, high quality event, and to clarify the responsibilities of each party; and

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Understanding outlines the financial agreement between the parties, who will jointly develop the budget for the 2017 conference, and that the maximum cost of this event will not exceed \$220,000 unless agreed to by both parties in writing, and that each party will evenly divide the cost of the event; and

WHEREAS, the County worked closely with Experience Columbus to win the bid to host the 2017 conference, and Experience Columbus has committed to advocate for strategic, financial, and in-kind community support to assist with Franklin County's host responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, NACo was created in 1935, and more than seven decades later has membership that includes counties from across the United States representing three-fourths of all counties and over 85% of the nation's population; and

WHEREAS, NACo is a full service organization, providing extensive services to its members including legislative, research, technical, public affairs, and enterprise services, and works to improve public understanding of counties and acts as a liaison with other levels of government; and

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WHEREAS, the NACo annual conference and exposition provides an opportunity for county officials from across the nation to strategize on policies affecting counties and share ideas and best practices on economic growth, arts and culture, energy policy, health and human services, transportation, and justice issues; and

WHEREAS, as many as 3,000 elected and appointed county officials, exhibitors, presenters and guests are expected to participate in the 2017 conference and exposition, which is expected to generate more than 9,000 hotel room nights at area hotels and have a total economic impact of nearly \$8 million in Central Ohio; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

That the attached "Memorandum of Understanding Between Franklin County, Ohio and the National Association of Counties" regarding the NACo Annual Conference and Exposition to be held July 21-24, 2017 is hereby approved.

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